GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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MEDICINES FOR TB PATIENTS
ASHOK KUMAR PATEL

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the maximum number of T.B. patients died due to the costly T.B. medicines in India;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to make available medicines to patients on cheaper rates; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a)to(c) Anti-TB drugs are provided free of cost to patients throughout the country. Under the World Bank assisted Revised National TB Control Programme, anti-TB drugs are provided in kind for
(i) all patents in RNTCP districts and
(ii) for sputum positive cases in all other districts. Under NTCP case assistance is provided for 100% requirement of anti-TB drugs for sputum negative cases in non-RNTCP districts by Government of India.